

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Minutes and Informal Instructions of the Open Meeting of
Thursday, September 24, 2015

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Commission) met as noticed. Present were Chairperson Nowak and Commissioner Huebsch. Commissioner Montgomery appeared by telephone.

Minutes

The Commission approved the minutes of the open meeting of Thursday, September 3, 2015.

210-CE-108 – Application of the City of Arcadia, as an Electric Public Utility, for Authority to Upgrade its Generator Exhaust System at its Existing Generation Plant, Located in the City of Arcadia, Trempealeau County, Wisconsin

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

3270-SB-135 – Application of Madison Gas and Electric Company for Authority to Issue up to \$100,000,000 Principal Amount of Debt Securities

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

6680-CE-177 – Application of Wisconsin Power and Light Company to Implement a Main-Shaft Bearing Replacement Program at Bent Tree Wind Farm

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

1330-ER-103 – Application of Consolidated Water Power Company, as an Electric Public Utility, for Authority to Increase Electric Rates

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

10-TW-100 – Application of Abbotsford Municipal Water Utility, Clark and Marathon Counties, Wisconsin, for Tariff Changes Related to Deferred Payment Agreements

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

1650-WR-104 – Application of Dodgeville Water Utility, Iowa County, Wisconsin, for Authority to Increase Water Rates

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

3420-WR-105 – Application of Marshfield Utilities, Wood and Marathon Counties, Wisconsin, for Authority to Increase Water Rates

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

5-FE-100 – Quadrennial Planning Process II

The Commission reviewed the proposed revised Focus on Energy (Focus) goals for the 2015-2018 quadrennium resulting from 2014 carryover funding, and the proposed administrative costs for the Focus Renewable Loan Fund and made the following determinations:

1. The Commission rejected the proposal to modify the therm savings goal, and maintained the same therm goal previously established by the Commission.
2. For the 2015-2018 quadrennium, the Commission accepted the proposal to increase the overall million British thermal unit (MMBtu) goal (2.3 percent), kilowatt (kW) goal (2.3 percent), and kilowatt-hour (kWh) goal as modified to reflect the Commission's rejection of the proposal to adjust the therm goal.
3. The Commission directed Commission staff to work with the Program Administrator to reduce the program implementer's scope of work for the Renewable Loan Program and negotiate with the selected implementer to reduce implementation costs accordingly. Commission staff is further directed to work with the Program Administrator to reduce its administrative costs for the Renewable Loan Program. If the negotiated Renewable Loan Program implementation administrative costs or the Program Administrator's administrative costs for the Renewable Loan Program exceed \$100,000 annually, the Program Administrator shall seek further guidance from the Commission.

The Commission directed the Division of Energy Regulation to draft an order consistent with its discussion.

1-AC-249 – Changes to s. PSC 160.115 to Address Procedural Modifications Suggested by the Legislative Audit Bureau

5-GF-108 – Administration of the Universal Service Fund Grant Program for the Medical Telecommunications Equipment Program

The Commission approved opening this rulemaking docket.

The Commission accepted the Statement of Scope for submission to the Governor's office and directed Commission staff to prepare and transmit the necessary documents to the Governor's office. If the Governor approves the Statement of Scope, Commission staff is directed to prepare and submit the necessary documents to the Department of Administration and concurrently to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the Wisconsin Administrative Register.

The Commission instructed Commission staff to conduct an administrative review of agency procedures for the Medical Telecommunications Equipment grant program. Commission staff was further instructed to meet with the accounting staff of the Wisconsin Department of Administration to discuss the schedule for the grant approval proceeding and to review the wording of the grant award notification letters. After completion of the review, Commission staff was directed to prepare a memorandum for the Commission calendar with options regarding schedule and modifications to correspondence to ensure the program is in compliance with the State Accounting Manual.

1-AC-236 – Review of Universal Service Fund Rules

Clearing house Rule No. 13-068

Commission Consideration of Order Adopting Proposed Rules and Attached Legislative Packet

The Commission approved the draft order adopting proposed rules and the associated report to the Legislature concerning the provisions and administration of the universal service fund, and directed Commission staff to make the necessary filings. If neither the Governor nor the legislative committees request changes to the rule, Commission staff is directed to make the changes to the order to indicate that it is the adoption of a final rule and to make the additional required filings without further Commission action.

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The Commission adjourned the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

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Secretary to the Commission

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